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THE Impartial Account Of the Taking of LUXEMBURG BY THE FRENCH, After a long and doubtful Siege.

Together with a Brief Relation of what Remarkably happened During the Siege thereof.

OUr last advice from *Flanders*, bearing date, *May* the 30th Instant, *stilo novo*, was as followeth, *viz.* That the Besiegers being advanced to the Corner of the Capell, from thence Attacqued an Old Redoubt, (where the Besieged were Lodged) and in a short time made themselves Masters of it, and forced those that were Lodged within to Retreat, who then Sprung a Mine, and made the Besiegers Retire, and that immediately after the Besiegers with a second Attacque repossessed themselves thereof; Lodging therein another Batallion, and raised a Battery; but were to the number of 200 blown up by the Spring of a Second Mine, insomuch that the Besieged placing themselves upon the Ruins, the Besiegers durst not Attacque it at present, for fear the Besieged should Spring a Third Mine. Whereupon they resolved strongly to possess themselves of other works which before they had slighted, the better to recover breath, and amuse the besieged, whom they found resolutely bent to holdout to the last Extremity, as having Incouragement so to do, by reason of the forwardness of the *Spanish* Army, which they every day expected to Advance to their Relief; so that Lodging themselves upon the covered way of the second Counterscarp, they fixed the Miners to the Counter-guard of the Bastion of *Passendal*, resolved with the springing of that Mine which they expected would do great Execution to make another Attacque upon the Old Castle, but it proved not so successful as they wished, for the besieged Salying, and at the same time Springing another Mine which did considerable Execution, again drove them out of their Works, but the

beſiegers being hourly ſupplyed with freſh recruits and the beſieged Weak, and much Harrazed through extraordinary Duty; Sickneſs and Wounds, within Twelve hours they recovered their former Station, and placed a Calivar againſt the ſaid Caſtle, caſting at the ſame time many *Bombeys* into the City, by that means ſetting it on Fire in divers places, which imploying the Inhabitants and part of the Garriſon (which by this time was reduced to a ſmall number) in quenching thereof; the beſieged with leſs Moleſtation then before, Advanced eſpecially by way of Mining, but not ſo ſecretly, but in one of them, with which they had nearly reached the *Weymures*, they were Countermined, ſo that a ſharp Incounter happened under Ground, and by the Springing of a ſmall Side-Mine, many of the beſiegers were over-whelmed, and ſuch eſcaped as forced to Retire, which occaſioned great diſmay amongſt them, but being promiſed great rewards, and animated by their Commanders, after the Town had been Battered for the ſpace of ſix hours without intermiſſion, and the *Weymures* rent in divers places, and at the ſame time a falſe Allarum given that the Miners might proceed with the leſs Interuption. Three Batalions of Foot made an other Attacque upon the Springing of a Mine that overthrew a part of the Wall, but were ſo bravely reſiſted by the beſieged, that leaving about 60 Dead bodies in the breach, they were (although ſeconded by another Commanded) Party obliged to Retire, yet having repaired a Ruined baſtion within half a Muſquets ſhot of the Wall, they Lodged there that Night, notwithſtanding, the Cannon from the Caſtle beat ſo furiouſly upon them, killing not only divers Souldiers but ſome Officers of Note, but being recruited once more with another commanded party of *Picardy*, again a furious Attacque was made e're the breach could be repaired or Countermured, ſo that again it came to puſh of Pike, yet ſuch was the bravery of the beſieged, that bendinding divers Pieces of Cannon that lay as flanckers, they ſo gavled the beſiegers that they were forced to Retreat, and as they retired fell upon a Mine, which as it is ſuppoſed, apcidentally took fire, and did conſiderable Execution, but in concluſion, the *French* Pioneirs under the favour of theſe Attacques and the ſeveral falſe Alarum, having placed their Mines under the wall, and part of the Caſtle; being hard at work within the City, and the beſieged not capable of Countermining by reaſon of the ſmall number they were reduced to, and the Governour being out of all hopes to be ſuccoured, in time finding his Magazine of Powder near waſted, began to harken to the cries and intreaties of the Poor Inhabitants, who feared the worſt of Extreamity if the City ſhould be taken by Storm, and perceiving the beſiegers preparing for another reſolute Atacque, and the City almoſt deſtroyed with their *Bombeys*.

And bravely having done all that Man was capable of doing, againſt ſo powerful an Enemy, after a parly it was agreed that the City with the Cannon and Magazine ſhould be delivered up to the *French* King's uſe, and the Garriſon to March out with Bagg and Bagage, to be conducted to what place they ſhould nominate; and the Citizens not to be moleſted in any thing, with many other advantagious Terms, (the particular whereof, more at large you may expect by the next) which being Signed and Ratified, the City was put into the hand, of the Marſhal, *D'Creque*, or his order, and the Garriſon accordingly Marched out. In this Siege it is conjectured the *French* loſt 3000 Men, with many prime Commanders, and Voluntiers, and the beſieged no leſs then 1000.

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